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TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT
Planning Board Hearing of January 22, 2015

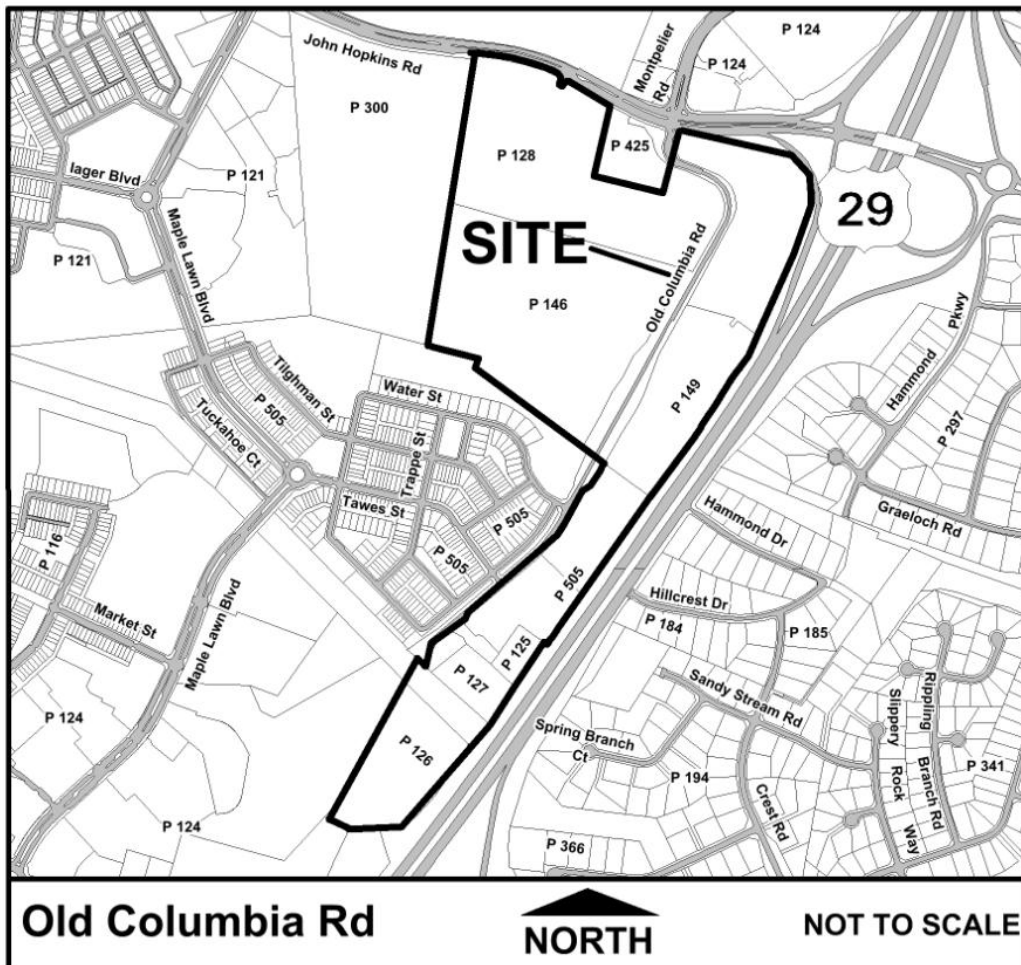
Re: Street renaming of Old Columbia Road, located south of Johns Hopkins Road and directly opposite Montpelier Road, to be renamed Price Manor Way.

Petitioner: Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning

Request: The purpose of this hearing is to rename a segment (approximately ¾ mile) of Old Columbia Road to Price Manor Way.

Recommendation: The Department of Planning and Zoning recommends that the Planning Board approve the street renaming for the requested segment of Old Columbia Road to be renamed Price Manor Way.

Location: The subject road is located south of Johns Hopkins Road, directly opposite Montpelier Road, in the Laurel area of Howard County, as shown on Tax Map 41, in the Fifth Election District of Howard County, Maryland.



Analysis:

This public street renaming request has been initiated by the Howard County Police Department, 9-1-1 Center to eliminate duplicate street names and to eliminate confusion when dispatching emergency services. The road name Old Columbia Road has caused problems in the 9-1-1 Center because the properties on this road all have Johns Hopkins Road addresses. This makes it difficult for citizens to report emergencies and for emergency services to efficiently locate the properties.

Section 16.400 of the Howard County Code prohibits duplicate street names in the County. Over time, Old Columbia Road has been split into multiple segments along both sides of U.S. Route 29. By eliminating the segmentation of this road name, it will allow for easier identification of the properties by citizens and emergency services.

Therefore, in the interest of the public's health, safety and welfare, it is necessary for this Department to request a new street name for this segment of Old Columbia Road. There will be no need to change existing house numbers for the properties located on this segment of the road.

In accordance with Howard County Policy and Code, Section 16.400, the Planning Board may rename a street at the request of the Department of Planning and Zoning for a valid governmental purpose such as the elimination of duplicate street names.

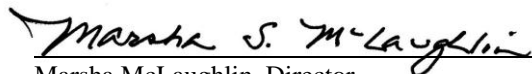
A certified letter dated December 15, 2014 was sent to the four (4) affected property owners at least 30 days prior to the January 22, 2015 public hearing.

Legal advertisement appeared in both the Howard County Times and the Columbia Flier on Thursday, December 18, 2014, and certifications have been received. All parties who expressed an interest in this petition have been notified by letter.

The Howard County Police Department, 9-1-1 Center initiated this request, and is in support of this street renaming petition.

Recommendation:

The Department of Planning and Zoning recommends that the Planning Board approve the street renaming for the requested segment of Old Columbia Road to be renamed Price Manor Way.

 12/18/14
Marsha McLaughlin, Director Date
Department of Planning and Zoning

Please note that this case file is available for public review at the Department of Planning and Zoning's public service counter, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.